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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike", written over the name "Michael P. Flanagan".

DATE: November 1, 2011

SUBJECT: Presentation on Schools Beating the Odds

The purpose of this item is to present to the State Board of Education for public acknowledgment several schools beating the odds in terms of their top to bottom ranking given the context in which those schools operate. A presentation at the State Board of Education meeting will provide profiles of those schools in light of the new cut scores

The context in which schools function include demographic variables over which school staff do not have control, such as locale (e.g. urban, suburban, town, rural), grade configuration, percent of economically disadvantaged students, etcetera.

Michigan Department of Education staff look forward to presenting to the State Board of Education the profiles of some of our Michigan schools that are beating the odds.

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